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INDONESIA BACKGROUND
LATEST ELECTION FIGURES

1. Latest available figures on Indonesia's 29 Sep elections for Parliament (unofficial, published 1 Dec) show the following:

NATIONAL PARTY (PNI)	8,078,000
MASJUMI	7,853,000
COMMUNISTS (PKI)	6,451,000
NAHDLATUL ULAMA (NU)	6,006,000

A. Although these figures are unofficial, they were published after completion of the official count (29 Nov).

2. Early returns from Indonesia's 15 Dec elections for a constituent assembly (to frame constitution) show a drop in Masjumi strength when compared with similar returns from the Sep voting, as follows:

	DEC VOTING (as of 20 Dec)	SEP VOTING (as of 3 Oct)
PNI	3,563,000 (34%)	5,788,000 (32%)
MASJUMI	2,870,000 (27%)	4,399,000 (24%)
PKI	2,567,000 (24%)	4,089,000 (23%)
NU	1,563,000 (15%)	3,048,000 (20%)

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